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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES
DEMONSTRATION ACCESS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORTING SYSTEM (NORS)
FOR SUBMARINE CABLE OUTAGE REPORTING**

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On March 25, 2021, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection associated with the *Report and Order*¹ and *Order on Reconsideration*² to improve outage reporting for submarine cables and enhanced submarine cable outage data.³ On April 28, 2021, the Commission published notice of OMB approval in the Federal Register establishing October 28, 2021 as the compliance date for these new rule provisions.⁴

Under this new information collection, submarine cable licensees must report specific unplanned outages greater than 30 minutes on a portion of the cable system between submarine line terminal equipment (SLTE) or greater than four hours when it affects a fiber pair.⁵ Licensees must submit this information using the FCC's Network Outage Reporting System (NORS).⁶ As part of the Commission's efforts to assist providers with reporting under this new obligation, a demonstration-only version of the updated NORS filing portal will be available for anticipated filers to facilitate planning and compliance with the new reporting rules.

Persons interested in obtaining access to the demonstration version of the portal should contact Julia Tu at (202) 418-0731 or julia.tu@fcc.gov or David Ahn at (202) 418-0853 or david.ahn@fcc.gov, Engineers, at the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division.

¹ *Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data*, GN Docket No. 15-206, Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 7947 (2016).

² *Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data*, GN Docket No. 15-206, Order on Reconsideration, 34 FCC Rcd 13054 (2019) (*Recon. Order*).

³ OMB Control # 3060-1283.

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, *Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data*, 86 Fed Reg. 22360 (Apr. 28, 2021); *Recon. Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 13067, para. 42.

⁵ *Recon. Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 13057-9, para. 11, 16-18.

⁶ *Network Outage Reporting System* (Feb. 3, 2021), <https://www.fcc.gov/network-outage-reporting-system-nors>.